ernment thought the Diwan's running commentary, as the Hon'ble Secretary characterised it, was rather too generous?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I did not catch the point of the Member.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Did the Government think that the running commentary was too generous or unwarranted in any manner?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government did not concentrate its attention upon that aspect of the point at all, because they had no occasion for it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Diwan on that occasion said that this Council would have practically the control of the finances of the State. Did the Government at that time or subsequently think that that was an overstatement or a statement unwarranted by the Regulation and the statement of His Highness?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is true even now, (*hear, hear*) as far as the Council Law allows it. We are not making any departure from the law or that practice.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—If that is true, why was any reference made in the answer? The answer is 'Government follow and adhere to the policy underlying the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation and Rules framed thereunder and the sentiments expressed by H. H. the Maharaja in His gracious address to the Council at the time of its inauguration.' I did not ask anything about the sentiments expressed by His Highness, but only the sentiments expressed by the Diwan. How is it that in this question in that written answer no reference whatever is made to my pointed question concerning the Diwan?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I have already answered that point.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have nothing more to say.

Charge on public revenue on account of the Legislative Council.

103. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the total charge on the public revenues on account of the Legislative Council, per year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

1100	..	Rs. 6,972
1101	..	,, 13,503
1102	..	,, 15,973
1103	..	,, 14,710
1104 up to 18th July 1929/3rd Karkadagam 1104		Rs. 14,260.

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